BILL: F2017-SB2
TITLE: A Bill to Fund Contraceptives and Feminine Hygiene Access Pilot Program
SPONSORS: David Vargas, First-Year Senator
Elizabeth Warfel, Junior Senator
DATE: December 3, 2017

Whereas the Student Government Association (SGA) of Middlebury College passed a bill in January of 2017 covering the costs of a feminine hygiene access program (bill W2017-SB6);

Whereas the Student Government Association (SGA) of Middlebury College believes in the importance of feminine hygiene and menstrual equity;

Whereas tampons and pads are not luxuries, but necessities that should be available to all who need them;

Whereas periods have been stigmatized in our society for too long;

Whereas access to condoms varies significantly from hall to hall;

Whereas female hygiene products are not only used by students, but faculty, staff and guests of the College;

Whereas inquiries done by the Sexual and Relationship Respect Committee (SRR Committee) has been unable to find the direct source of funding for condoms distributed at the college;

Whereas these inquiries have also recognized that residential-life staff have to take personal initiative to provide condoms to their halls, and that there is significant variation from hall to hall;

Whereas better access to female hygiene and contraceptives to the student body has the potential to improve the quality of life of students and the overall Middlebury College experience;

Therefore be it resolved…

That the SGA will fund and enact a pilot program (with an estimated cost of 200 USD) over January Term of 2018 to provide tampons, pads and condoms in first year residential spaces (Battell Hall), the future of which will be reevaluated in Spring of 2018.

That the program consists of two distribution systems across Battel; sturdy and more permanent dispensers on Battel North (Cook commons), and baskets on Battel South (Wonnacott commons);

That the consumption and restocking of these products be monitored and performed by members of the Sexual and Relationship Respect Committee, with a frequency determined by the committee, in order to have the data needed to create an effective action plan for the future;

Respectfully submitted,

David Vargas, First-Year Senator

Elizabeth Warfel, Junior Senator

Vote Count

In favour:

Opposed:

Abstaining:

Absent: